

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-32 and 34-36 are pending in this application. Claim 31 is amended to delete reference to certain compounds. No new matter is added by the amendment. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment.

#### **I. Patentability Arguments**

##### **A. Claim Rejections**

##### **1) The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, Should be Withdrawn**

Claims 31, 32, 34, and 35 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner asserts that claim 31 recites compounds with R<sup>3</sup> substituents lacking antecedent basis in claim 23 from which claim 31 depends.

Applicants herein amend claim 31 to delete reference to these compounds thereby rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 31, 32, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance.  
Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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